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TAGS: PLO, SY PFOR
SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLO-ISRAELI CONTACTS REPORTED TO SYRIAN PUBLIC

1. FRONT PAGE AL-BAATH ARTICLE FEB 14 CITED KUWAIT PRESS REPORTS
LISTING DIRECT AND INDIRECT CONTACTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN
PLO MEMBERS AND ISRAELI AND NON-ISRAELI ZIONISTS. ARTICLE
CLAIMED SUCH CONTACTS WERE DRAWING ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS
ATTENTION AND DECLARED RECENT MEETING PRESIDENT IVORY COAST HELD
WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN WAS CONDUCTED AS RESULT OF ARAFAT'S
REQUEST TO HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS SAID
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TO BE UNKNOWN BUT THAT THEIR NUMBER AND FREQUENCY WERE IN-
CREASING AT TIME JUST BEFORE CONVENING PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

2. ARTICLE SPECULATED PNC WOULD CONSIDER AT ITS FORTHCOMING
SESSIONS QUESTIONS OF PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA, ESTABLISH-
MENT OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE ON WEST BANK AND GAZA,
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. PALESTINIAN-

ISRAELI CONTACTS, ARTICLE ASSERTED, WOULD ALSO PROBABLY BE SUBJECT FOR DEBATE WITHIN PNC COMMITTEES.

3. PARIS PLO REP QALAQ QUOTED AS SAYING THAT SUCH CONTACTS ON PART OF PLO OFFICIALS WERE NOT OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED BUT DID SHOW PALESTINIAN OPENNESS TO "OUTSIDE WORLD WHILE OTHER SIDE STILL DESCRIBING PLO AS ORGANIZATION OF KILLERS.

4. ARTICLE LISTED PALESTINIANS WHO HAD ENGAGED IN MEETINGS INCLUDING SABRI JIRYIS AND ISSAM SARTAWI.

5. COMMENT: LOCAL PUBLICITY ACCORDED TO REPORTS OF PLO-ISRAELI CONTACTS APPEARS DESIGNED TO SECURE SYRIAN FLANKS AS SARG PREPARES TO REENGAGE IN PEACE PROCESS.
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